

October 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
Approved: December 11, 2018

**City of Covington
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 23, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington was called to order in the City Council Chambers, 16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100, Covington, Washington, Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 7:02 p.m., with Mayor Wagner presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Wagner, Joe Cimaomo, Fran Hollums, Marlla Mhoon, and Paul Selland.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:

Margaret Harto and Sean Smith.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Hollums seconded to excuse Councilmember Harto and Mayor Pro Tem Smith. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

STAFF PRESENT:

Regan Bolli, City Manager; Ethan Newton, Parks & Recreation Director; Don Vondran, Public Works Director; Richard Hart, Community Development Director; Ron Hendrickson, Finance Director; Kathy Hardy, City Attorney; Casey Parker, Senior Accountant; and Sharon Scott, City Clerk/Executive Assistant.

Mayor Wagner opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Hollums seconded to approve the Agenda as amended to remove New Business Item No. 4. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- City Lobbyist Briahna Murray provided a Legislative Report.
- Ron Speer, Soos Creek Water & Sewer District, provided a presentation on the Regional Sewer Conveyance Project and Lift Station Site.
- Richard Hart, retiring Community Development Director, was recognized.

Council recessed from 7:22 to 7:45 p.m. for a reception for Mr. Hart's retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

Daniel Key, former Covington Planning Commissioner, spoke in recognition of Richard Hart.

Sam Pace, Association of Realtors, spoke in recognition of Richard Hart.

There being no further comments, Mayor Wagner closed the public comment period.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

C-1. Minutes: September 25, 2018 City Council Special & Regular Meeting Minutes.

C-2. Vouchers: Vouchers: Vouchers #38151 - #38209, including ACH payments in the amount of \$604,197.13, dated October 12, 2018; and Paylocity Payroll Vouchers #1009289933 - #1009289945 inclusive, plus employee direct deposits and wire transfers, in the amount of \$220,085.83, dated October 5, 2018.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Hollums seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS:

Economic Development Council – No report.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Chair Laura Morrissey gave the report.

Planning Commission – Chair Chele Dimmett gave the report.

Youth Council – No report.

Human Services Commission – No report.

Arts Commission – Chair Ed White gave the report.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. To Receive Public Testimony and Presentation from Staff Regarding the 2019 Revenue Sources and Possible Increase in Property Tax Revenues.

Finance Director Rob Hendrickson gave the staff report on this item and asked if Council had any questions. Council had no questions on this item.

Mayor Wagner called for public comments for the public hearing.

Elizabeth Porter, Covington resident, asked Council to consider not increasing property taxes and to consider placing a cap on property taxes for senior citizens.

There being no further comments, Mayor Wagner closed the public comment period for the public hearing.

2. To Receive Public Testimony and Consider Ordinance Adopting New Temporary and Permanent Sign Regulations.

Community Development Director Richard Hart gave the staff report on this item.

Mayor Wagner called for public comments for the public hearing.

The following people spoke against permit process and fees for real estate signs:

- Debra Myrben, works in Covington

- Jim Muir, works in Kent
- Shane Davies, 2018 President of King County Realtors
- Ankie Stroes, works in Covington
- Kevin Pruett, Covington resident
- Janet Lewis
- Sam Pace, representing Seattle-King County Realtors (and provided a handout with suggested changes).

There being no further comments, Mayor Wagner closed the public comment period for the public hearing.

Councilmembers members provided comments and asked questions, and Mr. Hart provided responses.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO BOTH PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY SIGNS; ADMINISTRATION, PERMITTING, AND ENFORCEMENT; REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 18.55; REPEALING SECTION 18.31.140; ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED AMENDMENTS OF CHAPTERS 18.20 AND 18.110; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Selland seconded to amend the ordinance to remove the permit process from the sign code. Vote: 3-2 (voting yes: Cimaomo, Selland, and Wagner; voting no: Hollums and Mhoon). Motion failed.

Council Action: Councilmember Mhoon moved and Councilmember Hollums seconded to pass Ordinance No. 08-2018, in substantial form as presented, adopting new sign regulations governing both temporary and permanent signs in the City of Covington. Vote: 4-1 (voting yes: Cimaomo, Hollums, Mhoon, and Wagner; voting no: Selland). Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Consider 2019 Legislative Priorities and Policies.

City Manager Regan Bolli gave the staff report on this item.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to adopt the 2019 Legislative Priorities and Policies. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

4. Present Financial Strategic Plan – ECONorthwest (removed from Agenda).

5. Consider 2019 Appointments to Regional Forums.

No nominations were given to Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC); therefore, Public Works Director Don Vondran will continue to serve as the primary representative and Programs Supervisor Shellie Bates as the alternate.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to appoint Councilmember Selland to serve as the primary representative to the South County Area Transportation Board. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

City Engineer Bob Lindskov will continue to serve as the alternate to the South County Area Transportation Board.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to appoint Councilmember Hollums to serve as the primary representative and Councilmember Cimaomo to serve as the alternate to Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to appoint Councilmember Mhoon to serve as the primary representative to Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 9 Forum. Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Don Vondran will continue to serve as the alternate to WRIA 9.

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Smith to serve as a non-voting representative to Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority (no alternate needed). Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

No nominations were given to Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Executive Board.

No nominations were given to Puget Sound Regional Council's Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB).

No nominations were given to Puget Sound Regional Council's Transportation Policy Board (TPB).

Council Action: Councilmember Cimaomo moved and Councilmember Mhoon seconded to appoint Councilmember Hollums to serve as the primary representative and Councilmember Mhoon to serve as the alternate to King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC). Vote: 5-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Wagner will work with Councilmember Harto and Mayor Pro Tem Smith to see if they are available for any of the openings.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Councilmembers reviewed future agenda items.

COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS:

Councilmembers and staff made comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Wagner called for public comments.

Sam Pace, commended Council on its succinct 2019 Legislative Priorities and Policies. Mr. Pace also invited Council to support the proposed condominium law.

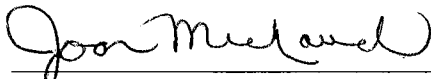
Elizabeth Porter, Covington resident, commended the coffee chat recently held by Mayor Pro Tem Smith and thanked Council for thoughtful deliberation on sign code.

There being no further comments, Mayor Wagner closed the public comment period.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

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